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MEMORANDUM FOR: DDI Planning Staff

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1. I submit herewith for your consideration the names of eight NPIC officers, any one of whom I think would make fine contributions to your forthcoming task as the leader of Project ASPIN. I have given this my personal consideration in some depth and have restricted the list to those who have at least a reasonable degree of knowledge of ADP and computer capabilities and of intelligence production processes. They are also of the type who I think are willing to put in the amount of time and effort necessary to do a good job for you while at the same time advancing the Agency's cause in representing the Center's own interests.

2. To lose any one of the eight would cause difficulty for us in the Center. I say this because all eight are very key people performing essential tasks. I am convinced, however, that it is in the Center's own interests to do all possible to insure that you have a comprehensive list of the best we can offer from which to select.

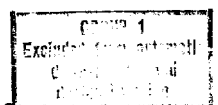
3. I have not discussed an assignment on Project ASPIN with any of the eight officers and would appreciate your contacting me before communicating with any of the eight officers yourself. I am sure that most, if not all, of the eight are aware of Project ASPIN and at least two of the men have expressed interest in it.

4. The officers (brief biographic sketches and descriptions of their current jobs are contained in the attachment) in order of seniority are:

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5. In addition to the sketches provided in the attachment, you may want my own personal views on each of these eight men. [] I believe, is admirably equipped to contribute well to your task, particularly because of his current knowledge of ADP stemming from his job as Chief of AID and because of his prior experience both in NPIC and in OBI dealing with the production of intelligence information. He is an excellent supervisor and a good writer. He articulates well and in addition to the two backgrounds I have mentioned served NPIC for some time in a planning and management role in which he became familiar with the PPB system. The one proviso I would make to his selection would be that he is forced to follow a reduced work schedule and leaves the office promptly at 4:30 p.m. every day ever since suffering a heart disorder a couple of years or so ago.

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6. [] has played a key role in NPIC ever since its inception having come from OCR. He has been a collateral support specialist and now functions as the number three man in the Imagery Exploitation Group under []. In the collateral support target brief area he has become quite familiar with computers and automated systems and has used them imaginatively. He performs best when given a single task to carry through from start to finish. He is a good innovator and fine idea man. I think you would find him of surprising value.

7. [] Deputy in AID and has performed in a variety of roles in the Center including that of a PI. I think he is qualified on all counts for ASPIN. He writes well. He communicates well in general. He is one of the Center's young "comers."

8. [] meets all of the technical requirements of ASPIN and is worth considering. He is particularly skilled in the computer field, but has had a wide background in management engineering in general. He is not the most dynamic individual in the Center but would perform well with direction and stimulation.

9. [] is the best computer man in the Center, perhaps in the Agency. He has a great wealth of knowledge in this field. He does, however, find it difficult to communicate it. With the proper stimulation and direction he could be a valuable member of ASPIN. I do not believe that he has much depth in the intelligence production process. I think you would find him particularly strong in the field of computer applications and innovations.

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12. Obviously, we hope your appetite is such that you don't take all eight. More than two of these would virtually eliminate much of our capability to do the kind of work expected of us in the Center these days. If there is any further information you might need about any of these, or others in the Center that have come to your attention, please don't hesitate to call.

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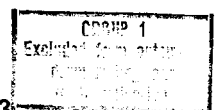
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